

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

**June 26, 2019**

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

**1997-239-C**

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

**2019-479**

**THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.**

**SUBJECT:**

**DOCKET NO. 1997-239-C** - Proceeding to Establish Guidelines for an Intrastate Universal Service Fund (USF) - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration the Office of Regulatory Staff's Request for Approval to Combine the USF and Lifeline Administrative Expenses into One General USF Administrative Expense Account.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

In Order No. 2006-609, the Commission approved the recommendations of ORS related to the inclusion of administrative expenses in the state Universal Service Fund. Further in Order No. 2005-296 the Commission authorized ORS to utilize USF monies to increase the awareness and qualify households for participation in the State's Lifeline program. The USF and Lifeline administration funds were initially established at \$106,198 and \$213,543 respectively. These amounts are unchanged today. There has been an increase in the workload related to administration of the USF and a decrease in spending associated with the Lifeline program. To accommodate this change, ORS has requested that the Commission combine the USF and Lifeline administrative expenses into one general USF administrative expense account. This account would be funded in the amount of \$319,741 which is the sum of the amounts of the previous accounts. No additional funding is being requested at this time.

I find that this is a reasonable and practical request involving no additional funds. Therefore, I move that we grant the request of ORS to combine the USF and Lifeline administrative expenses into one single account. However, we request that ORS continue to account for the amounts in the USF and Lifeline funds individually.

PRESIDING: RandallSESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER
BELSER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ERVIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RANDALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

WHITFIELD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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RECORDED BY: D. Easterling